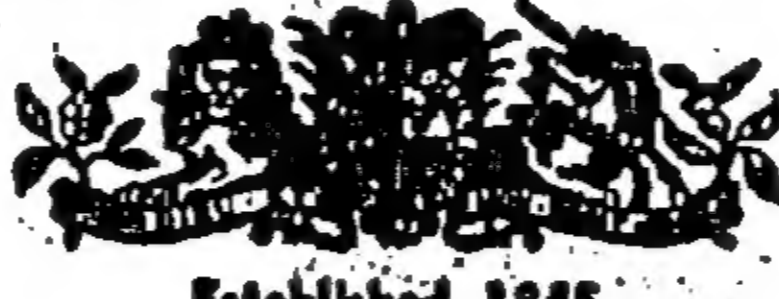




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COMMENT OF THE DAY

WESTERN TALKS

PRIOR to the meeting of the Nato Foreign Ministers in Copenhagen some members of the Alliance were apparently not in full agreement with the majority on the subject of "summit" talks with the Soviet Union.

But the outcome of the meeting seems to indicate that most differences have been resolved and that the West has decided on firmness combined with flexibility in its approach to Russia. Firmness is reflected in the tone of the communiqué and in statements such as by the Italian Foreign Minister, Signor Giuseppe Pella, that prospects for a summit meeting are frankly not good.

German Problem

DESPITE previous Soviet objections the fifteen nations of the Alliance have firmly endorsed in the communiqué that the German problem should be discussed at any summit conference.

Delegates have agreed that they must make no political concessions without equivalent Soviet compensation, but that they must work for a top level conference with patience and care. The Western firmness is the reaction to the hardening of Soviet policy in the last few weeks. This has been manifested in the Soviet veto of the United States Arctic inspection proposals and in the latest Russian memorandum listing in what are described as "right" terms the Soviet idea of agenda points for a summit meeting and other details.

Speculated

AS a result, many in the Nato countries have speculated whether the Russians are as serious now in wanting talks as they were several months ago.

On the other hand the West can be regarded as displaying flexibility in the readiness announced by Britain, the United States and France to include their ally Italy in future high level talks with the Soviet Union.

And this is a departure from previous insistence that such talks should be limited to the Big Three Western Powers and the Soviet Union.

The Government of Italy, therefore, appears to be assuming a more important role on the international stage than at any time since the end of the war.

Indications

FURTHER indications of flexibility are shown by representatives of individual delegations, as for example by Mr. Sidney Smith of Canada, in suggesting that summit conferences should be held in series, and that in the intervals continuing machinery should be set up to work on agendas with the Russians.

On the one side, the United States, Turkey, West Germany and Italy are among those counselling caution, while Denmark, Norway, Canada and Belgium are inclined to stress the urgency of achieving properly prepared talks.

Disarmament

THE Western Powers at the meeting also tried to take the disarmament problem a step forward by inviting the Russians to join technical expert discussions on control problems. If the Russians continue to reject such overtures the Nato Powers have said that they will consider starting their own expert examinations.

In spite of Western Powers' efforts to find a solution and ease East-West tension there still appears to be little likelihood that the Soviet Union will even meet them half way.

NATO ALLIES ACCUSE RUSSIA

'Aggravating International Tension'

Copenhagen, May 7. Foreign Ministers of the 15-nation Nato Alliance ended their three-day conference here today by declaring their determination to continue efforts to bring about a prepared summit conference with Russia.

A communiqué issued after a series of debates behind closed doors said:

"Despite the disappointment and doubt to which the Soviet attitude gives rise the Nato Governments will not be discouraged nor give up their attachment to the principle of negotiation."

Disarmament

It also laid down that controlled disarmament should be one of the main questions on the agenda of summit talks.

The communiqué was issued some hours later than expected because the ministers decided to hold an afternoon session to deal with amendments to the draft presented to them when they met this morning for what was to have been a winding-up session.

While finishing touches were being put to the communiqué, the United States and France issued a joint statement announcing that they did not consider they would necessarily be the only Western nations to take part in a possible conference of Foreign Ministers or in a possible summit conference.

The Foreign Ministers' 650-word communiqué asserted that conferences at the summit were not the only way or necessarily the best way of reducing international tension.

"In any event such conferences must be properly prepared and take place in a favourable atmosphere," the communiqué said.

Communiqué

It accused the Soviet Union of recently "aggravating international tension" by its veto in the Security Council on the United States proposal for setting up a system of international inspection of the Arctic to reduce risks of surprise attack.

The communiqué also expressed the hope that Russia would join in expert technical discussions on detailed control measures for disarmament.

Spaak Questions Russia's Motives On Pre-Summit Talks

Copenhagen, May 7. M. Paul-Henri Spaak, Nato's Secretary-General, said tonight that it was natural that the West should wonder what lay behind the "little tricks" (petites chicanes) used by the Russians in the preparatory talks for a possible summit conference.

Replying to a questioner who asked what was meant by unreasonable Russian conditions mentioned in the communiqué, M. Spaak told a press conference that he did not see why, for example, Mr. Andrei Gromyko, the Soviet Foreign Minister, should oblige the Western Ambassadors to go in Indian file in the preliminary talks instead of seeing them all at once.

"If I were the Foreign Minister of the Soviet Union, I think I would feel strong enough to see three Ambassadors at once," M. Spaak said.

BAD PRINCIPLE

Asked about the question of parity, which the Russians have indicated they favour in summit talks, M. Spaak said it appeared a bad principle to him. Why should it be only a question of three on one side and three on the other, if the three states were of different size, for example, as the question of parity of population.

Asked what other methods the council had in mind when it said in the communiqué that summit talks were not the only and not necessarily the best way of settling important questions, M. Spaak said: "There are many amongst us who do not believe in spectacular diplomacy. They think that what are known in the West as the traditional and normal methods of diplomacy are preferable."

In reply to another question, M. Spaak commented: "It is impossible to hold successfully any summit conference which could ignore the German problem."

INVITATION

Asked whether the passage in the communiqué suggesting that technical discussion on control of disarmament should be at experts' level constituted a new invitation to the Russians to begin East-West talks, M. Spaak said, "Yes."

In reply to another question, he said that no formal invitation would be sent by Nato Governments, but that "the Nato communiqué itself, which will be read by the Russians is in fact an invitation."

Returns Home

London, May 7. A tanned and smiling Princess Margaret returned from a tour of the West Indies. The Princess, whose plane touched down at 7.10 p.m., was met at the airport by Queen Elizabeth. —United Press.

HALF A MILLION TO STRIKE? RAILWAYMEN HAVE 3 COURSES OPEN

London, May 8. A meeting of trade union chiefs here today will decide whether Britain's half million railwaymen join 50,000 London busmen in a pay claim strike.

Leaders of three rail unions will be discussing their next step following the breakdown of wage talks yesterday with Sir Brian Robertson, of the British Transport Commission.

Three possible courses of action appear open to them:

★ To call a strike, either jointly or individually, probably from the end of next week.

★ To make one more approach to Sir Brian Robertson to convert his offer of a re-assessment of wages in July into a firm promise of an increase.

★ To appeal for the intervention in the dispute of Mr. Harold Macmillan, the Prime Minister, possibly through the Trades Union Congress.

The unions are seeking an immediate pay rise of about four per cent to meet the increase in the cost of living since their last award, plus a full review later in the year.

The Transport Commission, operators of the state-owned rail system, said that it could not afford any increase, then promised a review in the autumn.

The possibility of a rail strike is expected to be a major issue in a House of Commons debate this afternoon on the four-day-old London bus strike.

The Labour opposition has tabled a motion of censure on the Minister of Labour, Mr. Iain Macleod, for not having intervened in the bus dispute and on the Conservative Government's economic and industrial policy as a whole. —Reuter.

UNEMPLOYMENT FIGURE UP IN UK

Big Fall In Textile Industry

London, May 8. Unemployment in Britain reached its highest point last month since January, 1953, a Ministry of Labour report disclosed today.

On a check day during April there were 440,000 people registered as unemployed — two per cent of the working population.

At the same date in April last

year the percentage of unemployed was 1.6. In January, 1953, at the height of a textile recession, more than 452,000 were without jobs.

Of last month's 440,000 unemployed, 403,000 were wholly unemployed while the remainder were temporarily stopped from work.

The report showed that the biggest fall in employment, last

month occurred in the engineering and textile industries. Smaller decreases took place in coal mining, metal manufacture and clothing.

The number of operatives working short-time in manufacturing industries under survey by the ministry was 119,000, which was 16,000 more than in the previous month. —Reuter.

Britain Charges Yemen Tribesmen In Aden

London, May 7. Dissident tribesmen who attacked British forces in the Aden Protectorate last week were "bribed and armed by the Yemeni authorities," a Government spokesman charged today.

Unprecedented Step

SPOKESMAN FOR LOWER DECK IN NAVY

London, May 8. The Royal Navy has taken the unprecedented step of appointing a man to act as spokesman for the lower deck.

This action — an experiment — is aimed at improving relations between officers and men.

The man appointed is 41-year-old Chief Petty Officer George Andrews who is officially described as a "Fleet Personnel Rating."

A DIPLOMAT

An Admiralty spokesman described him as "an exceptional man and a diplomat of the highest order."

He is attached to the Mediterranean Fleet and is in constant touch with its Commander-in-Chief, Sir Charles Lamb, who passes on the men's views to the Admiralty.

Describing how CPO Andrews operates, the Admiralty spokesman said: "He applies to the captain of each ship for permission to visit the ratings."

SUGGESTIONS

"He tries to explain to the men any regulations and decisions they don't entirely understand and receives any suggestions they have to make."

"He doesn't go into the running of the ship, such as complaints about the captain but sticks to general service matters."

The Admiralty is watching the experiment closely. If it succeeds, other fleet personnel ratings may be appointed. —Reuter.

Julian Amery, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State at the War Office, told a Labour questioner in the House of Commons that around 600 tribesmen had been concerned in the attack last week in which a British political officer was killed in a fort for several days. Mr. Amery said:

"It has also been reported that some regular Yemeni troops also took part in the attack, but the numbers are uncertain."

CASUALTIES

He told a Labour Member, George Wigg, that "despite strong resistance" British and local Arab troops, supported by planes of the Royal Air Force, had "regained control of the area." He said casualty figures for the operation were not complete but there had already been notification of 23 wounded among the British forces.

"Enemy casualties are estimated at between 50 and 100," he said, "since then the troops have been engaged in mopping up and patrolling the frontiers and one of these patrols came under machine-gun fire yesterday."

Meanwhile at the United Nations in New York, Britain told the United Nations that yesterday's air raid on Yemeni military targets was carried out in "self-defence."

SELF-DEFENCE

In a letter to the Secretary-General, Mr. Dag Hammarskjöld, Britain's permanent representative, Sir Plesner Dixon, cited Article 51, the self-defence article, of the UN Charter.

He said that under the provisions of the article British forces took measures in self-defence to silence Yemeni heavy machine-guns which had fired on British aircraft.

Sir Plesner said he was sending the letter to Mr. Hammarskjöld for the information of the Security Council. —United Press and Reuter.

Espionage

Copenhagen, May 7. Danish diplomat, 63-year-old Einar Blechingsborg who has been Counsellor at the Bonn Embassy, was tonight detained for four weeks after a hearing of charges of espionage.

Blechingsborg is suspected of having removed top-secret documents from the Danish Embassy in Bonn and of giving it to a Soviet intelligence man. —France-Press.

Vagrant Sentenced

Amiens, May 7. Robert Avril, a 40-year-old French vagrant, was sentenced to life imprisonment with hard labour today for the 1955 murder of a British school teacher, Janet Marshall.

A jury sentenced Avril to life imprisonment despite the fact that the prosecution had demanded the death penalty.

Avril was found guilty on the Somme Ardennes, near the spot where on August 28, 1955, the half-naked body of the 20-year-old British girl was found in a wooded thicket. —United Press.

Subandrio Calls In Western Envoys

Singapore, May 7. Indonesian Foreign Minister Subandrio met today with three Western Ambassadors, apparently to discuss charges of foreign intervention in the Indonesian revolt.

The loyalist Indonesian Antara News Agency said in a broadcast monitored in Tokyo that Ambassadors Howard J. Jones of the United States, D. F. MacDermot of Great Britain and L. R. McNlyre of Australia were summoned to separate meetings.

COINCIDED

The sessions coincided with new charges by the Djakarta Government of Philippines and Nationalist China "involvement" in the rebellion. Previously, the Central Government has asserted US and Nationalist Chinese pilots were flying for the rebels.

Afterward Subandrio told newsmen "in his opinion the current foreign intervention in Indonesia can be overcome before long," the agency reported. —United Press.

American Says Offered Aid To Rebels

San Francisco, May 7. Mr. Robert Hirsch, of the American Sales Company, said today he had offered rifles and ammunition to the Indonesian rebels last month because "I felt that it would be in the best interests of the United States."

He added that he had made the offer without clearing it with the State Department, and that it was made in the belief that "the guns and ammunition are available through a New York outfit we do business with."

His uncle, Mr. Joe Hirsch, said: "We are not in a position to fill the order if it comes." —Reuter.

United States

Keeps Atomic Tests A Secret

Washington, May 7. The Atomic Energy Commission confirmed today that the United States fired the first shot in its atomic test series at Eniwetok Atoll in the Pacific nine days ago.

The AEC gave no further details. It confirmed the blast after Rep. Charles C. Porter (D-Ore.) who has just returned from the test site, disclosed the date of the shot in a speech to the House.

Criticised

Porter strongly criticised the AEC for not publicly announcing the strings as they take place.

The Congressman added: "This kind of public flaunting of secrecy is an affront to the nation and a measure of the arrogance apparently felt by this agency. It is a defiance of the people's right to know." Porter said he was "flabbergasted" by AEC Chairman Lewis Strauss' explanation that a US announcement of the time and type of each burst would enable Russia to test its ability to detect "our small yield nuclear tests."

Why Not Allow

"If we are concerned with stopping the arms race and establishing a feasible inspection system..." Porter said, "then why not allow the Soviets to test their equipment?"

Porter suggested three steps for United States: "Stop the tests now, tear off most of the secrecy about atomic developments and test up to the fact that stumbling into war is far more likely than is deliberate engagement, by any nation's choice." —United Press.

New Crack

Catania, May 7. A new crack has appeared in the summit of Mount Etna, at an altitude of nearly 10,000 feet and has spouted lava reaching half a mile down the mountain-side, the Volcano Institute of the University of Catania announced here today. —France-Press.

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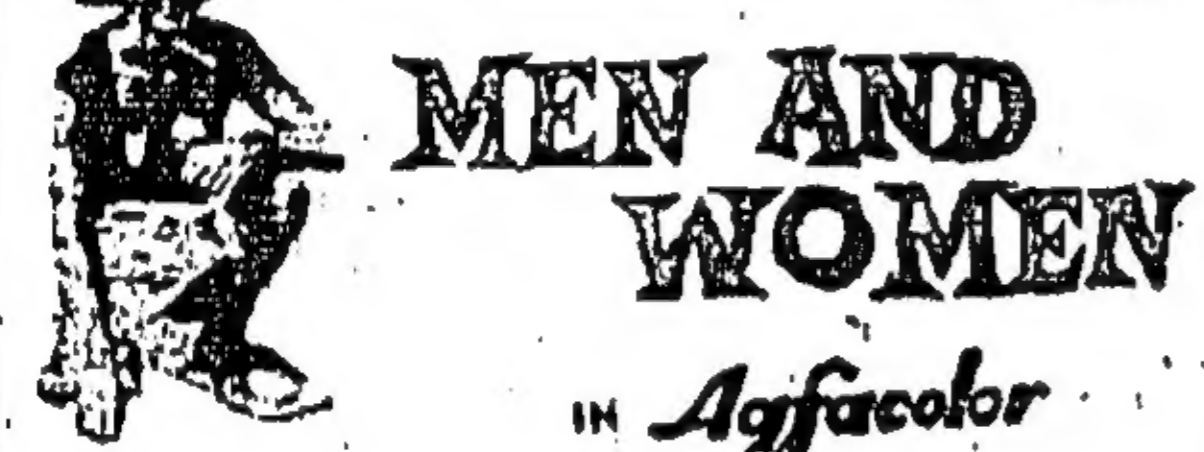
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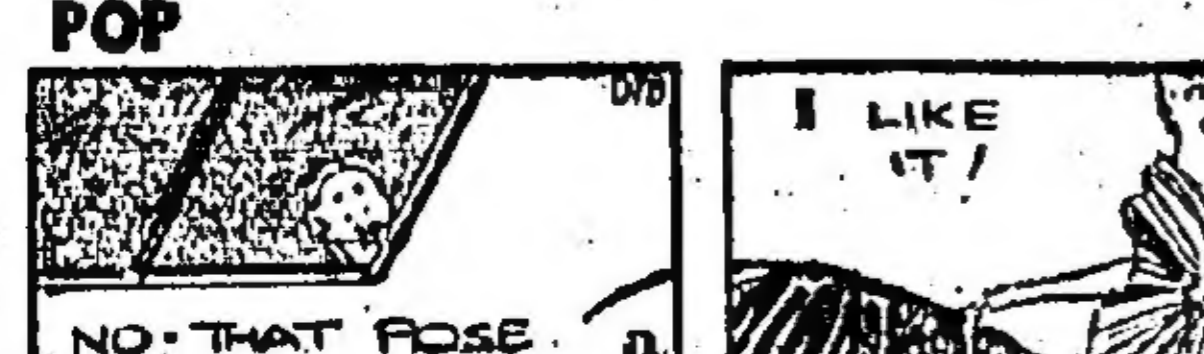
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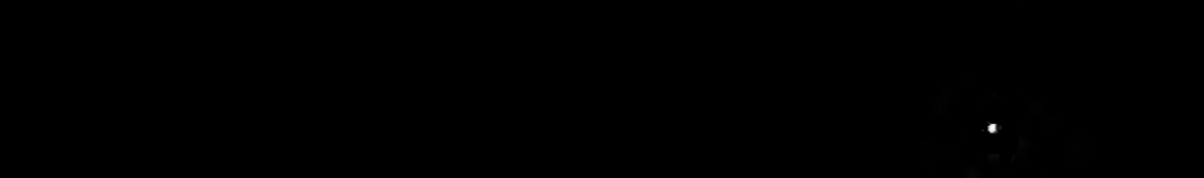
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PRIVATES

Brisbane, May 7. Col. K. McKay, Australian Army Personnel Administration Director, reported today the Australian regular Army of 20,800 men has one officer for every two privates.

McKay, after a tour of Army establishments near Brisbane, said the 20,800 men in the Army consisted of 4,000 Commissioned Officers, more than 8,000 Non-Commissioned Officers and less than 8,000 Privates.

"FED UP"

As a result, McKay said, the enlisted men are "fed up with us."

McKay said he hoped a committee investigating the Armed Forces pay and conditions would rectify this and other wrongs and boost Australia's recruiting campaign.—United Press.

Suez: Egypt Agrees To Pay

Cairo, May 7. The Egyptian authorities have agreed to pay two immediate instalments to the former Suez Canal shareholders in accordance with the agreement announced last week. Treasury sources said here today.

These sources said the payments would be made from Egypt's frozen assets in Britain, which amounted to £3,000,000, and from the additional £5,300,000 collected in transit tolls since the nationalisation of the Canal in 1956.

This would bring the total amount collected for the shareholders since the signature of the final agreement to £13,500,000. The remainder which amounts to £15,000,000 will be paid in five instalments.—France-Press.

Mr K Congratulates Marshal Tito

Moscow, May 7. Moscow Radio tonight broadcast a message from Mr. Khrushchev, to the Yugoslav leader, Marshal Tito, congratulating him on his recent re-election as president.

The message was cabled to President Tito last month following his re-election on April 10 at the Yugoslav Communist Party Congress. But this is the first time it has been announced in Moscow.—Reuter.

CONVINCED

"He is deeply convinced that the vigorous pursuit of research into the causes of crime and treatment of offenders is an urgent matter especially at this time when crime is increasing and none of us can say what are the fundamental causes of that increase."

Mr. Ranton acknowledged that Britain today was almost alone in having no institute for the study and teaching of criminology, no chair of criminology at any university and no university qualification specifically in this subject.—Reuter.

He also said the past year had seen a further increase in the hitting power of the British V-bomber force. The proportion of Vulcans had steadily increased and deliveries of Victors had begun.

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RUSSIAN TOURISTS

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Quoting the official Soviet news agency, Tass, the report said that there will be trips to the USA, the UK, France, Portugal, and West Germany, among others.—United Press.

Thief Took The Wrong Bag!

London, May 7. THE cry of "stop thief" echoed down a central London street today. The thief ran, but dropped his haul on the pavement—and the chase ceased, abruptly.

For the "haul" was a six-foot box containing, alive and wriggling, "we were suspicious of a man we saw wandering round the shop" said the manager of the pet stores, which housed the snake.

"Then I saw him lift the box, and I saw him wrap it around his waist and hurry out of the shop."

A man was later taken to a nearby police station for questioning. The snake was taken along there too—this time in a sack.—China Mail Special.

He Urges A British Institute Of Criminology

London, May 7. A Conservative Member of Parliament proposed in the House of Commons tonight the establishment of an institute of criminology in Britain.

Mr. H. Montgomery Hyde pointed out that there was not a single chair of criminology in a university or university college in the United Kingdom.

He suggested that high court judges, recorders, and stipendiary magistrates should undergo a course of criminology or even obtain a diploma in it as a condition of their appointment.

Mr. David Ranton, Home Office under-secretary, said the Home Secretary (Mr. R. A. Butler) had been giving much attention to the suggestion to encourage the establishment of an institute of criminology.

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SIX DEAD
Puerto Rico Rivers
Overflow Banks

San Juan, Puerto Rico, May 7. Two rain-swollen rivers inundated one-third of the southern coastal city of Ponce today and forced some 2,000 families to flee their homes.

Six persons died and another was missing in the flash floods which paralysed all industry in the city, Puerto Rico's second largest, police said.

The Portuguese and Canas rivers, swollen from six days of heavy rain, overflowed their banks early this morning.

The governor, Luis Munoz Marin, ordered officials to determine if Ponce should be declared a disaster zone.

Ernest Ramos Antonini, speaker of the House of Representatives, and Samuel Quinones, Senate President, flew over the stricken city with other government authorities to get a first hand idea of the seriousness of the situation in case emergency legislation is required.—United Press.

Paintings By A Chimp Are Not Art!

Baltimore, May 7. Art for art's sake failed to impress a customs official here today.

Confronted by a dozen canvases "painted" by Congo, a two-and-a-half-year-old chimpanzee who uses the London Zoo as a studio, Mr. J. Ross Prevost, firmly ruled that they were not art and subject to import duty.

Mr. Prevost explained: "If we didn't know these were produced by an animal we would have thought they were good modern art."

"But, in my opinion, paint planted on canvas by a sub-human animal with no rational mind, or powers of imagination, does not meet our test for works of art."

Congo's canvases were brought here by Dr. Arthur Watson, the director of the Baltimore zoo, who is planning to hold an exhibition of paintings by Congo and by Betsy, another chimpanzee artist, in the zoo here.—China Mail Special.

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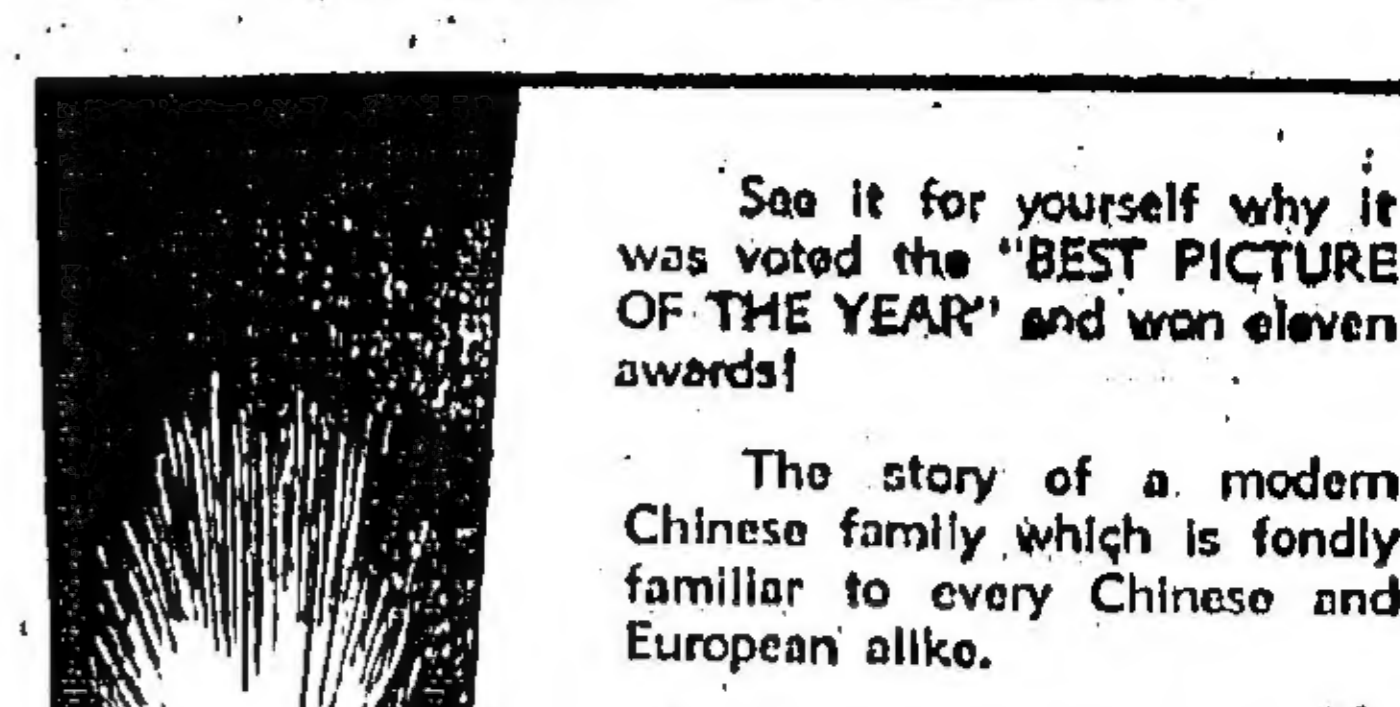
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CABLE BRIEFS

Paris, May 7. Two 60-year-old Parisians who agreed that one be with their shared girl friend on even dates and the other on odd dates are in hospital after a fight over what would happen in months with a 31st day, according to police.

Police state that the man who drew the even dates thought it unfair that the other man should be with their 47-year-old girl friend on a month's 31st day, and then again the next day, the first of the following month.

The two men decided to fight it out and the woman agreed to accept the winner. But police say both fell to the floor at the same moment, one hit on the head with a bottle and the other knifed in the arm.—China Mail Special.

Linville, May 7. Twenty-five years ago thieves broke into the car of New York's Mr. and Mrs. Fred E. Evans of Whitehouse, New York, and stole all their belongings.

Police reported yesterday that thieves had broken into the car of New York's Mr. and Mrs. Fred E. Evans of Whitehouse, New York, and stolen all their belongings.—United Press.

London, May 7. Firemen arrived in force at a Westminster building in answer to reports that thick smoke was pouring out of its windows.

They found Civil Defence officials hard at work on practice rescue manoeuvres after setting off smoke bombs.—United Press.

Lille, May 7. A burglar who didn't have the right attitude about his job sealed his own doom yesterday.

Marcel Natriand, 39, was nabbed by police in mid-morning after he broke into a house, filled a bag with table linen and then lay down to take a nap.—United Press.

London, May 7. Contractors suspended all repair work in the Naval and Military Club here after a woodpigeon decided to nest in the ceiling.

The eggs are expected to hatch next week.—United Press.

Premier-Designate's Position Appears Compromised

Pleven Faces Difficult Time

Goodbye—Forever!



THE town of Warrington, England, watches the 1st Battalion of the South Lancashire Regiment marching off for the last time. For the Regiment is bound for Hongkong, where it

will amalgamate with the East Lancashire Regiment, under the new scheme for streamlining the British Army.—Express.

GIANT PANDA: AN INSTRUMENT OF THE COLD WAR

US State Department Won't Permit An Exchange

New York, May 7. The giant panda, because it is a resident of China, has become an instrument of cold war diplomacy, it was revealed today.

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But the State Department said no. There's a law forbidding trade with China, Zeehandelaar was told, and since the panda is in Peking, you can't bring him into the United States.

The New Rochelle, New York, dealer was out of town today, but his wife said that working with an Austrian who is in Peking, Zeehandelaar traded a couple of rhinoceroses for a young giant panda.

Since the giant panda is extremely rare outside China and Tibet, Zeehandelaar threw in a couple of giraffes for good measure.

The Bronx Zoo and the Brookfield Zoo in Chicago were among the many zoos that bid for the panda.

But the State Department was adamant. The law banning trade with China is designed to keep U.S. dollars out of Communist hands, it said, and it applies to pandas just like anything else.

It was pointed out that the rule was apparently relaxed in January to admit a pair of dogs from Tibet, by way of Nepal, for Thomas E. Stephens, former special counsel and appointments

Secretary for President Eisenhower. Tibet is Chinese-controlled.

Besides, Mrs. Zeehandelaar said, no one can prove that the panda wasn't really born in Tibet, which would make him really not a full-blooded, Red-blooded panda.

Bronx Zoo officials said they would keep hoping the State Department would decide that allowing entry of Zeehandelaar's panda wouldn't really constitute a major cold war victory for the Communists.

Unless the State Department gives its approval soon, Zeehandelaar will be forced to sell his panda to a zoo in West Germany.—United Press.

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Algerian Issue Crops Up As A Serious Snag

Paris, May 7. French Premier-designate, Rene Pleven, today faced the most difficult 48 hours in his attempt to form a new French government.

The investiture debate is fixed, in principle, for Friday, but several times during today, Pleven's position appeared compromised.

Some of the political leaders put forward as possible ministers aroused serious reserves from certain of the groups invited to take part in the government majority.

One of these ministers was Andre Morice, dissident Radical, who has been offered the Defence Ministry. His firmness, however, the Independents, but he is less popular among the Orthodox Radicals.

Another was the Independent Deputy Louis Jacquinot, whose name has been mentioned in connection with the key post of Minister for Algeria. But the choice has apparently disturbed the Orthodox Radicals as well as the Popular Republicans (Christian Democrats).

The latter, from their part, reduced Pleven's field of choice by telling him they did not want the Algerian portfolio "at any price."

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Revised Law To Affect

Gimo's Powers?

Taipei, May 7. TAIPEI's largest Chinese independent newspaper warned today that Parliament's approval of the proposed revision of the press law may affect President Chiang Kai-shek's "correct leadership."

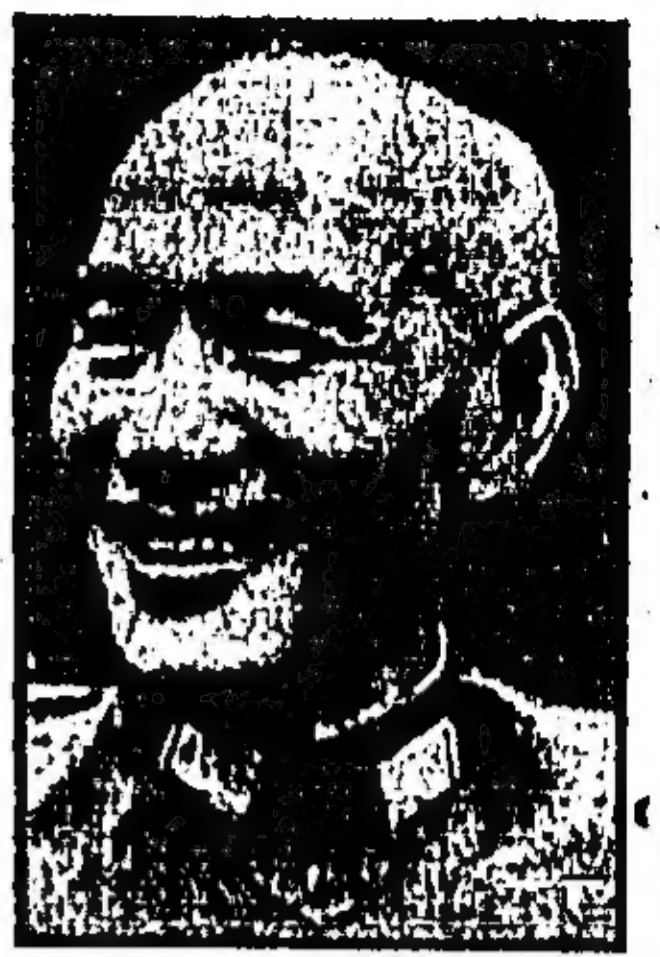
The United Daily News issued the warning in one of a series of editorials attacking the government-proposed press law revision which, if approved, would enable the government to fine, suspend, or to close a newspaper after nine warnings "without court trial."

The fate of the nation undoubtedly rests upon the correct leadership of Chiang Kai-shek, who in turn derives his sound judgment from unbiased materials collected from different sources, the editorial said.

The sources, it said, are either official reports of his subordinates, which are "unavoidably prejudiced," or the public opinion which "faithfully reflects the true facts of things and events."

The fear of publishers that their newspapers could be closed down under the revised press law would make these official reports the only source by which Chiang and other officials make their judgment, it added.

"An intelligent administration, would, therefore, be impossible," the editorial said.—United Press.



Chiang Kai-shek

'DEATH MARCH' MARINE

Another Promotion For Ex-Drill Instructor

Cherry Point, May 7. Matthew McKeon, who is a Marine Corps drill instructor, was the central figure in one of the most publicised court martials in American military history, has been promoted to Corporal.

It was the second promotion for McKeon since he was reduced in rank and sentenced to three months' imprisonment in connection with the deaths of six recruits at the Parris Island, South Carolina, recruit depot in April, 1956.

The six recruits were drowned when McKeon led them into a tidal creek on a night march to "teach the men discipline."

ACQUITTED

In a 21-day trial, McKeon was acquitted of manslaughter charges but was convicted of drinking on duty and negligent homicide. The court ordered him reduced from Staff Sergeant to Private, imprisoned for nine months and dismissed from the Marine Corps with a bad conduct discharge.

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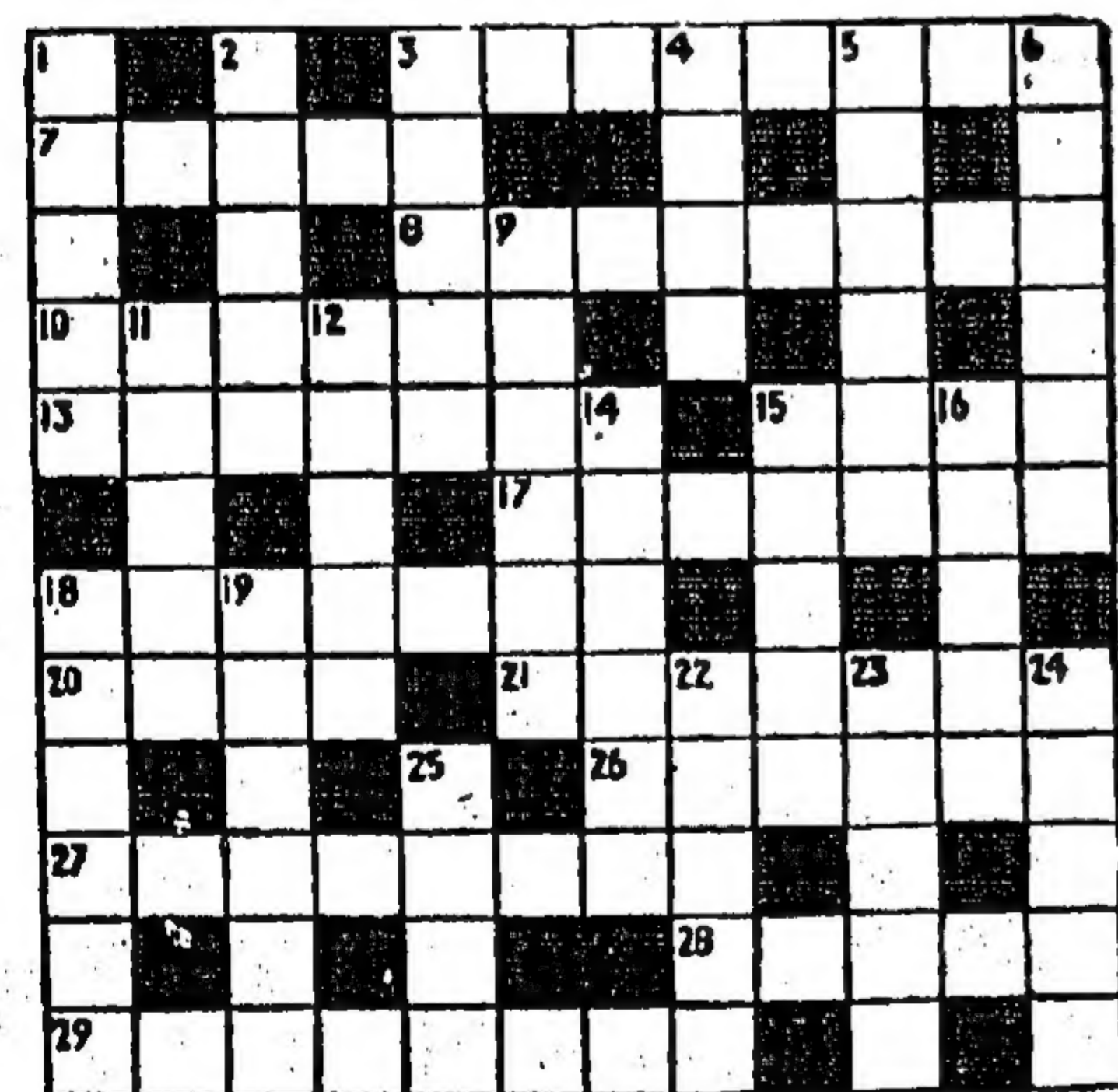
WORLD'S TALLEST FLAGPOLE

London, May 7. A 225-FOOT Douglas fir from British Columbia was towed 16 miles up the Thames to Kew by barge today.

The tree, which is to become the world's tallest flagpole and will stand in Kew Botanical Gardens, was to be lifted ashore at high tide this evening.

A gift to the gardens from the British Columbia Loggers' Association, the tree will be debarked and seasoned for several months before it replaces a rotting 214-foot pole.—China Mail Special.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS
3. Struck tennis and disappeared? (8).
7. Basket-maker's raw material (5).
8. Its day is the 20th May (8).
10. Empty, but they're essential to hygiene (6).
13. If disclosed they aren't! (7).
15. Bring to ground level (4).
17. Circulated verbally? (7).
18. Business tycoon? (7).
20. Adherents (4).
21. Went in to complete (7).
22. Heavenly smoke? (6).
23. Not in? Absolutely! (8).
24. On the quiver? (5).
25. Disembodied? (8).

DOWN
1. Hangs on to cargo space (5).
2. Colour of a shrub (5).
3. Good-for-nothing (5).
4. A distant location (4).
5. London tree? (6).
6. Judged (6).
9. Epithet for a witty one (6).
11. Got out of debt? Possibly (6).
12. Fetters for golfers (5).
14. Horrid smell, mainly fish! (6).
16. Make a two-way allusion? (6).
19. Lucky number? (5).
20. Residences (6).
21. Not a harsh bait (6).
22. The lot (5).
23. Mountain ash (5).
24. American women (5).
25. Not an upright roll (4).

WEDNESDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1 Balsam, 5 Dense, 8 Haven, 9 C-raven, 10 Solid, 11 Maxim, 12 Amy (necato), 13 Senso, 16 Settle, 18 Amuses, 20 Throb, 22 Ache, 23 Ramps, 25 Smear, 26 Lammis, 27 Sneer, 28 Cr-ass, 29 Skirts, Downs: 1 Baccarat, 3 Leap year, 3 A-hem, 4 Man-ages, 5 Denials, 6 Enamel, 7 Souls, 14 Newcomer, 15 Expenses, 16 Suborn, 17 Temples, 19 Morass, 21 Homer, 24 Sark.

He Laid Japan's 1st Railway

Tokyo, May 8. A bronze bust of Mr. Edmund Morell, a British railway expert who assisted in the laying of Japan's first railroad 70 years ago, was tonight unveiled in a ceremony at Yokohama, near Tokyo.

Mr. Morell was invited to Japan in 1870 to help in the laying of a railway between Shinjuku and Tokyo.

In recognition of his work in Japan, the "Tosho Toku No Kai" (Railway Friends Society) decided to build a memorial in his honour in conjunction with the centenary this year of the opening of Yokohama port.

Maritime, May 7. The Very Rev. Raphael Vance, 64, among the first group of Protestant missionary priests to go to China, died yesterday at his sister's home here where he had been ill for some time.—United Press.

Irish Prison Uproar

POLITICAL PRISONERS IN A PITCHED BATTLE

Dublin, May 7. Fought two pitched battles with warders in breakout attempt yesterday. Eight warders were treated in hospital for injuries from chair legs and iron bars. Details learned today showed that 18 of the 22 political prisoners broke away from the exercise compound in the morning and made a dash for the walls. Warders grappled with them, but some got as far as the prison wall, where they were held until police arrived. They were then locked in their cells and all privileges stopped. Special branch men surrounded the riot, while police and warders with walkie-talkies took up positions inside. Tension mounted during the day as the prisoners shouted out their resentment at losing privileges, and in the afternoon they began to smash doors and windows of their cells. After a second battle they were moved to cells without furniture. Special branch men guarded the riot last night. The political prisoners tried to tunnel out last month, and went on a hunger strike when they were failed. No more political prisoners have been put in Mountjoy since a China Mail Special.

ROCK 'N' ROLL

Best Music In The World?

New Haven, May 7. A judge upheld a city ban on a rock 'n' roll show here today despite disc jockey Allan Freed's claim that this form of jazz is "the world's best music."

Freed, whose performances have been banned in Boston and cancelled in Troy, New York, and Newark, New Jersey, because of a riot that followed a rock 'n' roll "concert" in Boston last Saturday, lost his fight for an injunction against Mayor Richard Lee.

INJUNCTION

The dapper disc jockey went into the Common Pleas Court with an application for an injunction that would prevent Lee from enforcing a ban on a performance by the Freed troupe in the New Haven arena tomorrow night.

Mr. Lee ordered the ban on "grounds of decency and public safety." He said that so long as he was Mayor no rock 'n' roll shows would be staged in New Haven.—United Press.

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U.S. NEWS

The Big Bad Bump

● The sweet smell of success has gone sour in Detroit. There are almost 300,000 workless, the car city's depression has hit hundreds of allied businesses...but the most pathetic sign of the times is this advertising slogan

YOU AUTO BUY NOW

THERE is the sour smell of defeat about Detroit, once dynamic, now depressed. I had intended to drive the 680 miles from New York, but the headlights-and-brake-lights on my car packed up, so I flew on from Harrisburg.

The breakdown with an expensive new car was a bad omen, the first of many during this visit to Detroit. On the superb turnpikes, highways, and parkways there are scores of restaurants and gasoline stations shut down.

In scores of the tall booths mechanical baskets have replaced the toll-keeper. Simply tow the toll fee—perhaps 25 cents or 10 cents—into the basket, the red light turns to green, and you are on your way.

Usually there is a guard to see that you do not cheat, but economy has hit the vast road systems of the United States. Some tolls have collected so little revenue that it is not worth while to post a man at the gates.

The Detroit depression has hit a hundred auto trades and businesses allied to the motor-car. What is Detroit doing to fight the slump? I am sorry to report that the best idea so far has been to launch a "You Auto Buy Now" campaign. "Auto" means "Ought To." You get it. I consider this perhaps the most pathetic symbol of a sad city.

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U.S. VIEWS



Logan Gourlay In Hollywood

YES! THE STARS STILL COME OUT AT NIGHT—JUST LOOK WHO WAS THERE

Beverly Hills. SANDERS, her ex-boy friend Rubirosa with his new French wife, and, of course, Baby, who might be described as a new boy friend.

Another of her ex-husbands, Conrad Hilton, the hotel magnate, was not there, but his hotel had done the lavish catering, and he had sent his son Nicky, ex-husband of Elizabeth Taylor, as emissary.

Dream beds

Kim Novak took up her position in the bar lounge next to the long table which was loaded with bottles of champagne, whiskey, vodka, and every alcoholic beverage—but not Hungarian Tokay.

She leaned against the red wall holding the hand of her escort, a good-looking young man with a moustache. He is the son of South American General Trujillo.

She refused a drink which I thought she might have needed. Her appearance was a little wan, which might have been due to her entirely white make-up, which was certainly accentuated by her purplish dress.

But she spoke and told me about her new 125,000-dollar (about £44,000) dream home in Hollywood. It has two outdoor "bedrooms" in the garden where Miss Novak can sleep on hot Californian nights. One room is screened by foliage and has been rigged up over a babbling brook.

The other is under a tree near the swimming-pool and it has bookshelves, reading lights, an intercom telephone, and a built-in ice bucket.

Said Miss Novak: "Of course, I also have an indoor bedroom with white fur carpets and white silk draperies. Yes, the bathroom is quite something too. It's in white and gold with a marble tub."

I left her to dream of her dream home.

She had just finished making the film version of "Bell, Book and Candle" with James Stewart, who looked no different after the experience but, then, he always looks the same. Always shy, almost apologetic, for the fact that he is one of Hollywood's apparently indestructible stars.

In the Stewart drawl, he said: "I'm not worried about the state of the industry. There will always be a demand for good movies. I don't always make good ones, but I keep busy. I jog along."

He jogged along at the rate of 125,000 dollars a film plus a percentage of the box-office takings.

I bumped into Mrs. Robert Mitchum, who led me to her husband. He was leaning against the wall of the bar lounge against an oil painting of French cancan dancers. The Mitchum head was being kicked joyfully by one of the dancers. He was watching the other guests with that sleepy-eyed, belligerent look of his.

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U.S. BLUES

I said he was Peter Glenville, who made a very comfortable living as a talented director, that he had broken his arm in a car accident, and that he was decidedly a bachelor.

Mother Gabor said: "I must talk to him."

An agent with a fruit knife was demonstrating to a producer exactly how he thought Lana Turner's boy friend, Johnny Stompanato, had been stabbed.

David O. Reizenick, who had arrived late without his actress wife Jennifer Jones, was saying that Claire Boothe Luce was ageing gracefully and skillfully like an actress on the stage.

Lady Peel was leaning against another picture of cancan dancers in the hall.

She said to me: "They wanted me to do Auntie Mame in England. I must come back soon. But they are so slow about arranging things and doing things. Would you do something for me?"

I said I would be more than willing.

"Help me to take these damned shoes off."

She leaned on my shoulder while I took off her golden slippers.

She said: "One can't walk steadily with these damn high heels."

She left carrying her slippers and walking steadily.

The end

By 2.30 a.m. the party was breaking up. It was generally agreed that Zsa Zsa had excelled herself as a hostess and "given one of the parties of the year."

Someone said: "It was like a wonderful wake for the death of Hollywood, the movie capital."

I didn't agree. After all, no one bursts balloons at a wake. And no one had passed away. No one had been absolutely lifeless. Not even Miss Novak.

THE SMASH-HIT DIPLOMAT Off home in triumph...

from SYDNEY SMITH: Paris

PARIS, in fact Western Europe, is soon to lose the most remarkable Russian diplomat to have come through the Iron Curtain since the war—Sergei Alexandrovitch Vinogradov is going back to Moscow to "reap the harvest of glory."

These were his own words when he came to Paris nearly five years ago.

He told a French friend of mine: "The first year we got to know the embassy and a bit of the language; the second year we got to know the people; the third year we got down to work—and the fourth year we reap the harvest of glory and go back to Moscow."

But Sergei Alexandrovitch, addressed by his French friends as "Vino," has had such a harvest to reap that he is now eight months overdue for Moscow.

The biggest sheaf in his own sack is the overthrow of the French Centre Government by the Right and the Communists for having agreed to American terms on the dispute with Tunisia.

For Vino's biggest job for two years has been waving the banner of an American grab for power and influence in North Africa.

His hunting ground has not been among the French comrades nor even the long-haired fellow-travellers—but among the smart and wealthy circles of French big business, French Rightists, the intensely nationalistic French nobility, and the de Gaulleists.

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In keeping with the Kremlin line that de Gaulle is still the man who can be Russia's best friend in France, Vino called on him a few months ago.

He says that it was one of a regular series of visits he has made to de Gaulle ever since he came to France.

Anyway this was another one that passed unnoticed.

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World Record Attempts In HK

AUSTRALIAN SWIMMERS TO TRY IN FOUR EVENTS AT VICTORIA PARK POOL

By ARGONAUT

History may be made at the Colony's Victoria Park Swimming Pool on Tuesday, August 26 and Wednesday, August 27.

At an Executive Committee Meeting of the Hongkong Amateur Swimming Association held yesterday in the South China Morning Post Boardroom with Mr A. de O. Sales in the chair, it was announced that the visiting Australian swimmers will include in their two-day exhibition programme attempts to break existing world records in the 100 metres freestyle, 100 metres butterfly stroke, 400 metres freestyle and 100 metres back stroke events.

The Australian visiting team will consist of Australia's best men swimmers who will stop at Hongkong on their return from the Empire and Commonwealth Games at Cardiff. Her lady swimmers are scheduled for a different four. The men swimmers who will be seen in action here are John Konradi, John Dewett, Garry Chapman, Garry Shipton, Garry Haynes, John Monckton, John Haynes, Brian Wilkinson and Terry Gathercole.

The following is the full programme for the two-day exhibition swimming—

AUGUST 26

Exhibition events: (Australia and Hongkong swimmers): 400 metres crawl stroke; 200 metres breast stroke; 100 metres butterfly stroke; 100 metres backstroke.

Competition events: (Hongkong v. Australia): 400 metres freestyle relay; 100 metres backstroke; 100 metres freestyle.

Diving exhibition: Variety style (by Hongkong champions and ex-champions). Attempts at breaking world records: 100 metres freestyle (Australia and Hongkong); 100 metres butterfly stroke (Australia and Hongkong).

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Asian Games

Finalised at yesterday's meeting were also Hongkong's participation in the Asian Games at swimming and the Annual Colony Open Championships.

Hongkong will be represented in this event by two officials, a water-polo team of nine players, and two swimmers. Except for the two swimmers who will leave for Japan on May 24, the whole team will depart on May 23.

The full Colony swimming contingent comprises of: Team leader—Mr. Ng Chi-man; Manager and coach of water-polo team—Mr. Chan Kam-fai; Water-polo team—Pang Chiu-chung (South China), Choy

SWITZERLAND LOSE TO SWEDEN

Helsingborg, May 7. Sweden beat Switzerland 3-2 (halftime 2-2) in a soccer international here tonight.

A crowd of 20,000 watched the game played in chilly but sunny weather. Inside-left Eschmann gave Switzerland a 1-0 lead after nine minutes but Sweden went ahead 2-1 through goals by outside-right Loefgren and centre-forward Simonson.

Eschmann equalised just before the interval.

The decisive goal was scored in the 48th minute by Simonson. —Reuter.

MILITARY BASKETBALL

Paris, May 7. The United States and South Korea are in the final stages of the international military basketball tournament which will be held at Nice from May 25 to June 3.

The United States will be in pool one playing against Spain, France and Belgium. Korea will be in pool two playing against Iran, the Netherlands and Turkey. The first two in each pool will go forward into the final phase. —France-Press.

READY FOR EMPIRE GAMES



The smart outfits designed for member of England's team for the British Empire and Commonwealth Games, to be held in Cardiff in July. Seen for the first time at a fashion parade in London they are, from left: — the women's walking-out dress, modelled by Sheila O'Hara; the men's parade dress, worn here by Peter Christina, and the women's parade dress, worn by Pagan Grigg. —Reuterphoto.

International Soccer Matches

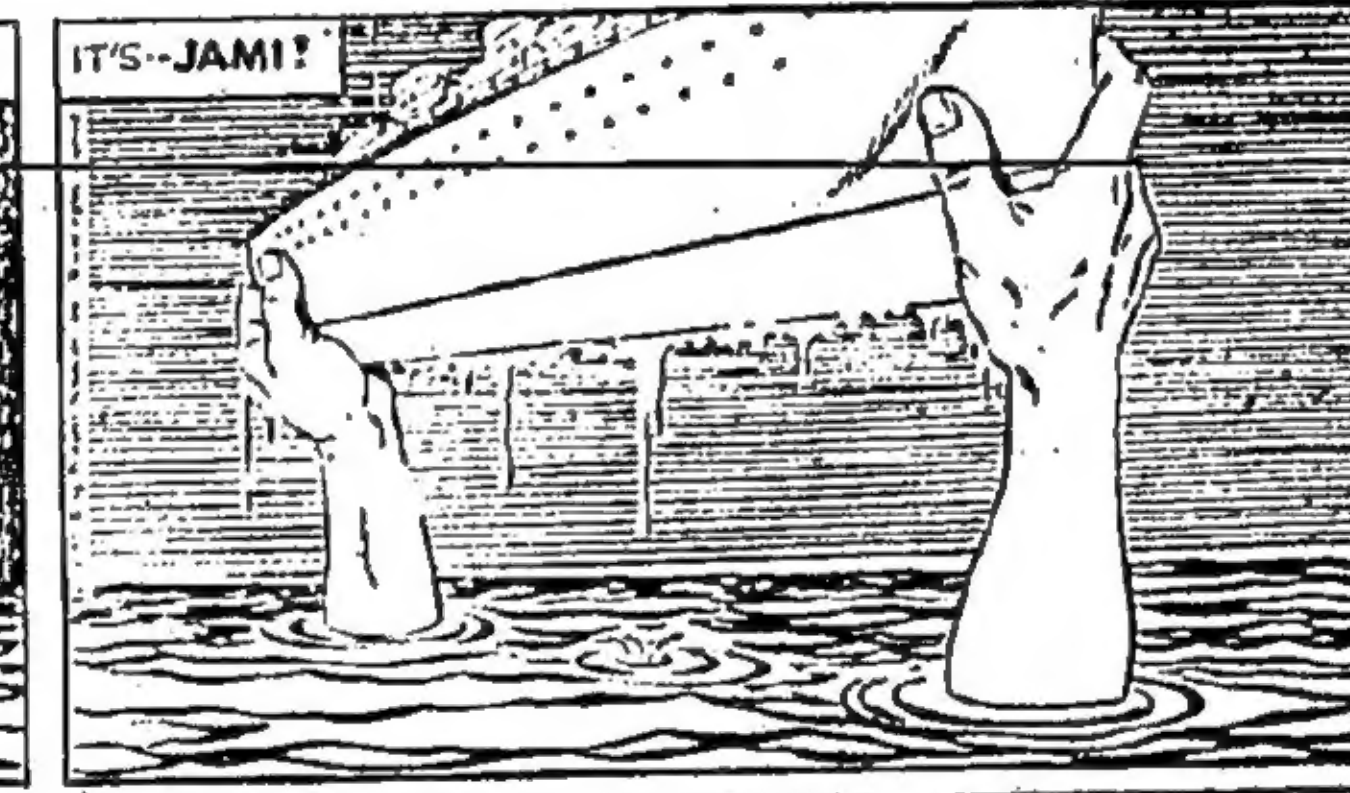
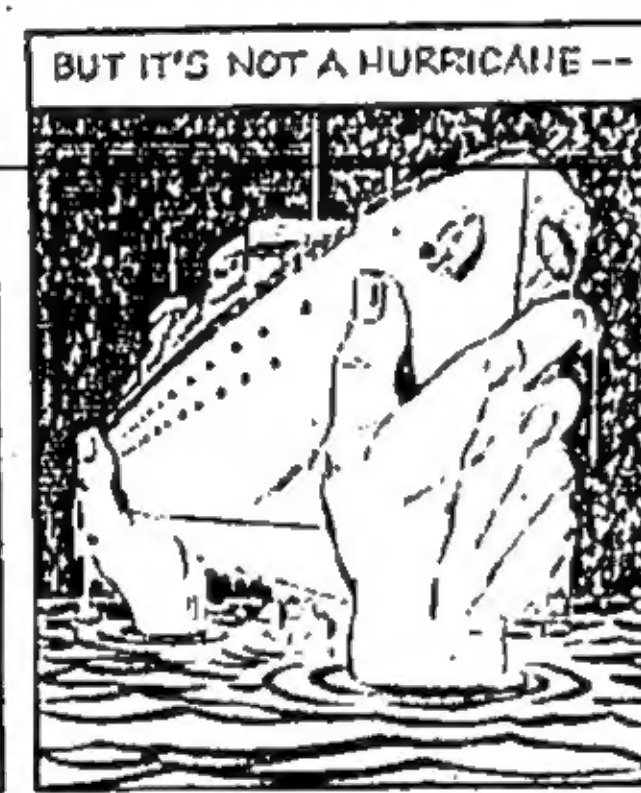
London, May 7. England beat Portugal by two goals to one (halftime 1-0) in the international soccer match at Wembley Stadium here tonight.

Glasgow, May 7. Scotland and Hungary drew 1-1 (halftime 1-0) in the soccer international played at Hampden Park here tonight.

A crowd of 55,000 several times booed the Hungarians for robust tackling. Casualties were numerous, and Scottish fullback Hewie and inside-left Collins both had to receive treatment for injuries on the field.

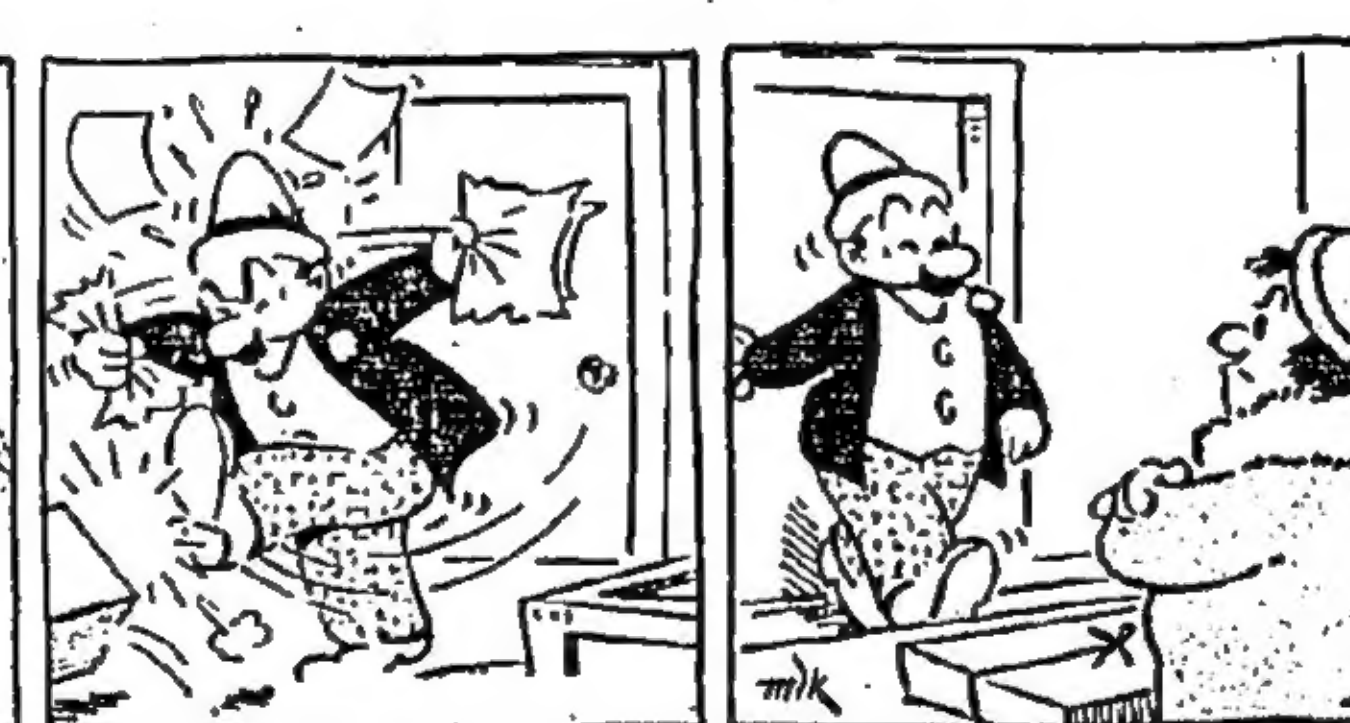
Centre-forward Mudge put Scotland into the lead from a header in the 13th minute, giving goalkeeper Grosics no chance. Imbach and Mudge missed wide open chances soon after. —Reuter.

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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Curt Simmons' First Victory Over Dodgers In Four Years

New York, May 7.

Southpaw Curt Simmons registered his first victory over the Dodgers in four years today when he pitched the Phillies to a 9-3 triumph with the aid of some robust hitting by Granny Hamner.

Simmons, who had not beaten the Dodgers since August 10, 1954, scattered 11 hits in posting his third win of the season. He yielded all of Los Angeles' runs in the third when Carl Furillo tagged him for a three-run homer.

Hamner got the Phils off to a quick lead against loser Fred Kipp when he singled home two runs in the first inning. Stan Lopala's bases-empty homer tied the score at 3-3 in the sixth and Philadelphia routed Kipp with a three-run burst in the seventh. Hamner's double and Ted Kazanski's two-run single were the key blows in that frame.

The Phils pushed across three more runs in the eighth. Hamner driving in two of the runs with a triple.

Giants Win

Despite four home runs by Pittsburgh, the San Francisco Giants defeated the Pirates, 8-6. Bob Skinner, Ted Kluszewski and Frank Thomas hit consecutive homers in the fifth inning to tie a Major League record, and Kluszewski hit his second homer of the game with one on in the seventh, but it wasn't enough.

Bob Friend, shooting for his fifth straight victory, was knocked out in the fourth inning when the Giants came up with four runs to go ahead, 6-1. Bob Schmidt's three-run homer featured the frame.

The Giants added two more runs in the fifth off Roy Blackburn, who walked in one of the runs with the bases full. Reliever Red Worthington was the winner.

Southpaw Taylor Phillips, a Milwaukee discard, held the Redlegs to five hits in leading the Cubs to a 5-1 victory. Dale Long paced the Cubs' attack with a pair of doubles and a single as Brooks Lawrence was charged with his

The Scores

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Pittsburgh 010 030 200-6 13 0
San Francisco 002 420 008-8 3 0
Friend, Blackburn (4), Rydman (5) and Peterson, Barclay, Worthington (5), Grissom (8) and Schmidt (2-1). Lower, Friend (4-1). HRs—Schmidt (4th), Skinner (1st), Thomas (5th), Kluszewski (1st, 2nd). Cincinnati 100 002 000-1 5 1
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Lawrence, Wright (2), Klipsstein (7) and Dotterer; Phillips (1-0) and

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Cleveland at New York, postponed, rain.
Chicago at Boston, postponed, rain and wet grounds.
Kansas City at Baltimore (night), postponed, wet grounds.
(1st Game)
Detroit 000-000-0-5 6-0
Washington 000-000-0-1-13-0
Lary (2-3) and Hegari; Pascual, Stubbs (1), Kemmerer (4) and Courtney, Lo-Paseual (1-2), HRS—Berlola (2nd), Yost (1st).—United Press.

French Victory

Toledo, May 7.

The Frenchman, Jean Stabinsky, today won the eighth lap of the Tour of Spain cycle race over the 208 kilometres distance from Cuenca to Toledo. He covered the distance in 6 hours, 39 minutes.

Other results were:
1. Van Gompel (Belgium) 6 hrs., 39 min., 7 sec.
2. Company (Spain) 6 hrs., 39 min., 13 sec.
4. Jimenez Quilez (Spain) same time.
5. Azzurru (Spain), same time. —France-Press.

IOC Vice-President Leaves For Tokyo

Paris, May 7.

Armand Massard, Vice-President of the International Olympic Committee and President of the French Olympic Committee will leave by air for Tokyo tomorrow to take part in the International Olympic Committee Congress there from May 13 to 17.

Massard will be accompanied by Jean De Beaumont, a member of the International Olympic Committee. —France-Press.

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New Book Seeks Way To End Language Confusion

New York, May 7.

"SINCE the Tower of Babel, man has sought to end the confusion created by 2,796 separate languages (plus dialects)," Mario Pei, Columbia University language expert, points out, "but until now he has not been successful."

In his new book "One Language for the World," Professor Pei blueprints a solution of this ancient problem within one generation. "One Language for the World" is published by the Devin-Adair Company (US\$5.00).

This would be done without "sacrificing" as much as a single language or dialect. Briefly, the plan calls for the round-the-world teaching of a second language at a very early age. Children of each country would learn their native language and in common with other children throughout the world, would also learn a second tongue. This second language would be universally taught so that an American, a Russian, a Chinese, an Arab, and a Zulu would have a common language, besides their native tongues.

Second Tongue

In "One Language for the World," Professor Pei offers suggestions for choosing the second tongue. This might be a language used by relatively few, or a "constructed" language such as Esperanto.

Professor Pei is said, with the possible exception of one person, to read, speak, or understand more languages than any living man. He is at home in English, Italian, French and Spanish; he "gets around" in German, Russian, Portuguese and, to a lesser extent, in Dutch, Hungarian and Japanese. He also possesses a "night knowledge" of some 30 other tongues. "Mr. Language" is a Professor of Romance Philology at Columbia University and contributes to magazines, has written many books, and has lectured widely.

Professor Pei collaborated with the OSS and OWI during World War II and created a "lingua franca" called "Lingua Franca" at Columbia University.

In advocating a plan for a world tongue, Professor Pei makes use of his vast knowledge of language to tell the little-known but complex story of

language since the Tower of Babel. There are over one hundred languages used by large civilized groups numbering from 1,000,000 to 500,000,000 people. While English is spoken by some 230,000,000, it follows Chinese, spoken by 600,000,000. Next is Hindustani (including Hindi and Urdu) with 200,000,000 speakers.

Spoken languages are, from a long-range view, quite changeable. Conquests, defeats, and trade are potent factors. Russian, while a "landlocked" language, is expanding, as is Hindustani.

Getting Worse

The language problem, Professor Pei points out, is getting worse instead of better. French was the sole official language at the Congress of Vienna; French and English were used at Versailles, while at the UN there are five languages in official use: English, French, Spanish, Russian and Chinese. As new nations achieve independence, they consolidate their national tongues, international relations are hampered by the lack of common

Many lives have been lost. Professor Pei points out, due to the confusion of tongues. It was reported that in World War II an American general was caught with his staff during the battle of the Bulge by a superior force of Germans. The Germans issued a command and the Americans, not knowing German, thought it was an order to hand over their revolvers. The general reached his headquarters and the Nazis, misinterpreting the gesture, opened fire, and most of the Americans lost their lives.

Religions is another field in which language plays an important role. "Ever since the command laid upon the Apostles to go forth and preach in different tongues," Professor Pei states, "missionary work has been done in local languages, and at the same time, helped spread a few primary tongues."

RITUAL CANNIBALISM FOUND IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA

By MICHAEL WEIGALL

Prague, May 7.
THE oldest instance of ritual cannibalism so far found in the world has been uncovered by excavations in the Majdahraska caves near Plevisek, close to the Hungarian frontier.

A ritually mutilated skull and a priest's mask made from a skull were found among a collection of bones.
Dr. Emanuel Visek, 33-year-old leading Czech archaeologist, says the bone tissue in both the mask and the skull shows signs after about 20 centuries of erosion of having been cooked in water or fat.
Ritual cannibalism, Dr. Visek points out, must not be confused with the cooking and eating of natives in certain parts of Africa, America and elsewhere.

SKULLS SMASHED

Scientists deduce from the finds at Majdahraska that the savage people in Central Europe 650 years before Christ indulged in ritual executions in which the skulls of victims were smashed according to a set practice.

A full-scale expedition is to be sent to the caves next year.

The first suspicion that ritual cannibalism existed in Europe 2,000-3,000 years ago came 80 years ago when a blood-drinking vessel made from a skull was found in the ruins of a temple at Byel Skala, Moravia. The drinking vessel is thought to have been used in a ritual slaying of 40 women after the death of a local tribal chief.
Reconstruction of the massacre suggests that the women were assembled around the body of the chief as he lay in state on an iron chariot inside the temple.
The women were then slaughtered, some beheaded, after limbs had been amputated. Thirty-six of the women were under 18. This is presumed from the nature of their teeth, which were still preserved.

AMPUTATED

During the slaying the priest officiated at an altar on which lay two amputated limbs and a skull severed in half. Later parts of the girls were eaten. The mask worn by the priest consists of the upper part of a grown man's face, minus the lower jaw.

It was decorated with chisel work and this eerie effect was increased by the enlargement of the eye holes. The mask is thought to have been held in the face of the priest by vegetable or leather thongs.—China Mail Special.

For centuries philosophers and writers have thought about the diversity of languages. Descartes, Comenius, Voltaire, Spencer, Nietzsche and Gorky are a few concerned with the Babel of tongues.

Dynamic

Large countries are not alone among those inconvenienced by various languages. Switzerland has official German, French and Italian (plus occasional Rumanian) but India has over 225 languages and dialects, with 24 major tongues accounting for 90 per cent of the population. "One Language for the World," Professor Pei writes, "there are nine printed languages designating the value of that piece of paper money."

Languages are dynamic when the power of expansion is conferred upon them. With this as a yardstick, English, Chinese, Russian and Spanish are the most dynamic tongues today.

The author of "One Language for the World" offers an important survey of the field and without imposing his will by singling out a specific language, makes this basic suggestion. By democratic means a second language would be determined by the government of the world. This, Professor Pei states, is not as impossible as it might sound. The world postal and telegraphic union permits us to communicate with people beyond our borders, and "no infringement of national sovereignty is involved."
To show the advantages and disadvantages of national and constructed languages, the author of "One Language for the World" permits the languages to "present their candidacy" with brief statements for and against the various tongues.

From DAVID GORDON



Tokyo, May 4, (By Airmail).

WE are now in the middle of "Golden Week," a period of various holidays which starts with the Emperor's Birthday on April 29 and runs through May Day, Constitution Day on the 3rd and Children's Day on the 5th of May.

It would be redundant to say there was a "recession" in the demand for closer cooperation for the very nature of Japan's population increase is in itself responsible for setting annual records in crowds. Resident foreigners remain glumly home rather than take the awful odds against their being able to board a train for the country.

Railway officials said that all of Saturday's trains—including numerous extra services for the period—carried "20 per cent more passengers than normal." As a "normal" load on a Japanese train barely leaves breathing space, one is puzzled as to how the extra 20 per cent got aboard.

Politics

The air is being made hideous with the screechings from the soundtracks which ply the streets from dawn to dusk, laden with political workers who seem to specialize in hurling invectives at the opposition rather than extol the merits of their own particular candidate or his party. Some rely on the physical repetition of the candidate's name, screaming "Vote Yamazaki! Vote Yamazaki!" in a frenzied gabble more reminiscent of the jungle than of what is claimed to be a leading "civilized" country.

The public is more interested in enjoying itself at the moment but this forthcoming election will hold its attention increasingly as more of the points at issue are brought home. The most important of these is the question of foreign policy—and it is a very tricky one at that. Japan is in no position to pick any quarrels with the United States by disassociating herself from the country's policies against Russia and China. By

the same token there is a rising demand at home for closer economic ties with both Russia and China along with the full recognition of the latter. The Tories wish to increase the strength of the various "Self Defence Forces" while the Socialists and others wish to reduce and finally abolish them altogether.

It should be noted that recruiting drives in the past have not met with notable success. The youth of Japan has little inclination to get into uniform—even in the Air Force, where aviation field after the completion of training and service. In general, the very thought of involvement in another war is abhorrent to the people of Japan and this attitude will gain for the Socialists many an additional vote.

The results of last week's elections in the Republic of Korea will not be lost on the voters here either. Vice-President Chang's Democratic Party made surprising gains over Syngman Rhee's Liberals who did gain a majority, albeit a slim one. The Democrats call for a better understanding with Japan just as the Socialist Party here seeks better relations with all neighbours—be they in the Communist camp or not.

Communists

Japan's Communist Party has entered a candidate in all but one of the 118 electorates. Some of these may well be withdrawn just prior to the elections as has happened in the past. In other cases their presence may hamper rather than aid the Socialist candidates dividing the vote and thus helping the Tories.

Government and organized labour are clashing head-on over the former's high-handed action in ordering raids on the headquarters of the Japan Teachers Union and the homes

of some of its executives—generally considered here as preludes to actual arrests. The Postal Workers Union is protesting the firing of seven top leaders and disciplinary measures that were taken against others for participation in recent "go-slow" strikes. The influential Coal Miners Union is staging "staggered" strikes for higher wages and an uglier mood is arising.

However, care is being taken not to antagonize the public at this moment by any action which would cause general inconvenience, but the last has not been heard of organized labour's demands for better all round conditions.

Turnover

But, restaurant, cafe and nightclub owners report a substantial rise in turnover since the enforcement of the Anti-Prostitution Law. The girls now daily over drinks while their prospective patrons have quietly ceased other hunting activities to settle for the comfort of a bar stool or cafe corner. Discreet arrangements may be made and provided the police don't see any money actually changing hands—or the couple claims to be "lovers"—it is virtually impossible for convictions to be obtained.

Several American servicemen actually married to Japanese girls have been stopped in the street by the police who have questioned the girl and asked for her "ID Card." So far no policeman has been knocked down, but judging from the angry letters to the press it won't be long before some cop is minus his front teeth. Japanese are generally prone to regard any Japanese woman seen in the company of a foreigner—especially one in uniform—as being a prostitute. This is merely another symptom of the basic anti-foreignism existing here and which comes more to the surface early.

Previous mention of Japan's shortage of knowledge of other languages was pointed out by the admittance that interpreted for visiting athletes in the Asian Games which start here on the 24th, have been extremely hard to find. Of 500 candidates only

130 were found moderately suitable—and these know only English or French. The tongues of Southeast Asia—which Japan strangely enough believes is destined to lead—are completely unknown. Sign language will have to suffice in a number of cases apparently despite the embarrassing "lack of face" staging.

Tokyo's Hibiyin Hall was the scene of an extraordinary example of mass emotionalism last Friday night when American tenor, Jan Peerce, sang the Japanese classic "Kimi no Yori"—"Moon over the Ruined Castle."

With tears streaming down their faces, the 2,500 members of the audience joined in the singing of this somewhat sombrous song which General MacArthur had forbidden to them during the Occupation on the score of its being "feudalistic." Tenor Peerce was so overwhelmed he too finished up in tears as the mobbing audience streamed out after demanding seven encores from him. He could easily have cried from sheer fatigue.

Japanese men supply their guests with "tea"—wooden clogs—and offered-paper umbrellas with which to stroll and avoid the rain. At hot spring resorts the guests go off visiting other inns and usually come back minus the umbrellas and wearing the visited inn's geta instead of their own. The problem has been solved in Katsuyama Onsen where the seven-day hordes hold a monthly property exchange. An average of 200 pairs of getas are trundled back to each inn by handcart after the sorting is finished.

Blood Factor

The Rh negative blood factor is rare among the Japanese and some was needed for Mrs. Tanaka Haganda Fukuoka who is expecting to give birth to a baby early next week. Her three previous pregnancies were failures through peculiar blood incompatibilities. Mrs. N. Macdonald, wife of the First Secretary of the British Embassy came to the rescue by donating 300 ccs. of her blood which meets the requirements for immediate transfusion.

Next Thursday Japan Air Lines spreads its wings still further aided by inaugurating a thrice-weekly service to Singapore with a planeload of the customers of orientales and newsmen. However, moping back in Tokyo will be a number of the latter who were invited on the flight but were unable to go owing to Singapore's strict ban on any Japanese who was there during the occupation by the Japanese forces.

A surprising number of local journalists were members of the Japanese Army Press Corps or were in other ways part of Japan's wartime forces. The ban on them in Singapore is still maintained on account of intense bitterness which could lead to assaults or worse despite the elapse of so many years. However, it is expected to do well on the route in view of good reputation they have established as international carriers plus the fact that traffic volume calls for additional services.

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China Mail Entertainment Guide

WHAT'S ON TONIGHT

ROXY & BROADWAY: "Naked Earth." Richard Todd and Juliette Greco in an adventure drama.
KING'S & PRINCESS: "Decision At Sundown." Randolph Scott in a western.
HOOVER & LIBERTY: "The Hired Gun." Rory Calhoun and Anne Francis in a western.
STAR & METROPOLE: "Steel Bayonet." Leo Genn at war.
LEE & ASTOR: "Men And Women." A German film.
QUEEN'S: "Our Sister Hedy." A Chinese picture.
RITZ: "And God Created Woman." Brigitte Bardot.
CAPITOL: "Hellcats Of The Navy." Ronald Reagan as the submarine captain.
MAJESTIC: "Robbery Under Arms." Peter Finch as the Australian bushranger leader.
ORIENTAL: "House Of Numbers." Jack Palance in a drama.

Audio And Visual Entertainment

RADIO HONGKONG

5.30 p.m., Thursday Club introduced by Robert Acheson.
6.00 p.m. "In March Tempo"—Philharmonia—Symphony Orchestra.
7.15 p.m. Piano Playtime with Wilson Watt.
7.30 p.m. Books Reviewed by John Tomlinson—"I Walk on Wheels" by Elizabeth Sheppard-Jones.
7.45 p.m. "Year For The Dragon" by John Tomlinson.
8.00 p.m. "Bite on the Bullet" by J.J. Persinger.
8.15 p.m. "Selected extracts from German Operas" (Final).
8.30 p.m. Weather Report.
8.45 p.m. News.
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TELEVISION

5 p.m. Children's Hour—Cartoons.
5.30 p.m. Children's Story Time.
6.00 p.m. Children's Film: "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer".
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BOOK REVIEW

ANOTHER WAR STORY SET IN BURMA

IF the Second World War did nothing else, it certainly produced a glut of writers, so that the publishers' lists of the last decade and a half have been choked with first person accounts of escapes, drops, raids, and all the alarms and excursions of war.

The latest to come our way for review is "Burma Drop," by Captain John Beamish, M.C. This book should interest many of the local community, because there is still quite a number of that aristocratic company Force 130 among us. They knew they were good, they knew they were hand-picked, and such was their prestige that even those who went no further than the offices of Force 130 basked in the romantic glamour that surrounded this gallant company.

OBJECTIVE

John Beamish does not take an affected pose about his job with Force 130; he knew it was dangerous, hazardous, and undoubtedly uncomfortable, and he does not hesitate to say so. On that account, his writing is more objective and a thousand times more informative than the usual book of this kind.

Beamish knows the country, he knows the whole set-up, he knows the morale of the men, he knows the writing with philosophical statements, and he fully appreciates the disaster to European prestige the overrunning of Asia was and is.

It is interesting to hear from Captain Beamish, an account of China Kai-shick's war effort on the Chinese border. "We learned later that thanks to China's considerable benefits from the Lend-Lease scheme, (they) were prepared to co-operate with the Americans but not with the British. They were courteous,

hospitable, and had all the social graces; but it was only in matters pertaining to the prosecution of the war that they became evasive and blatantly obstructive." At any rate, who would want to end a war that brought billions of dollars into your pockets?

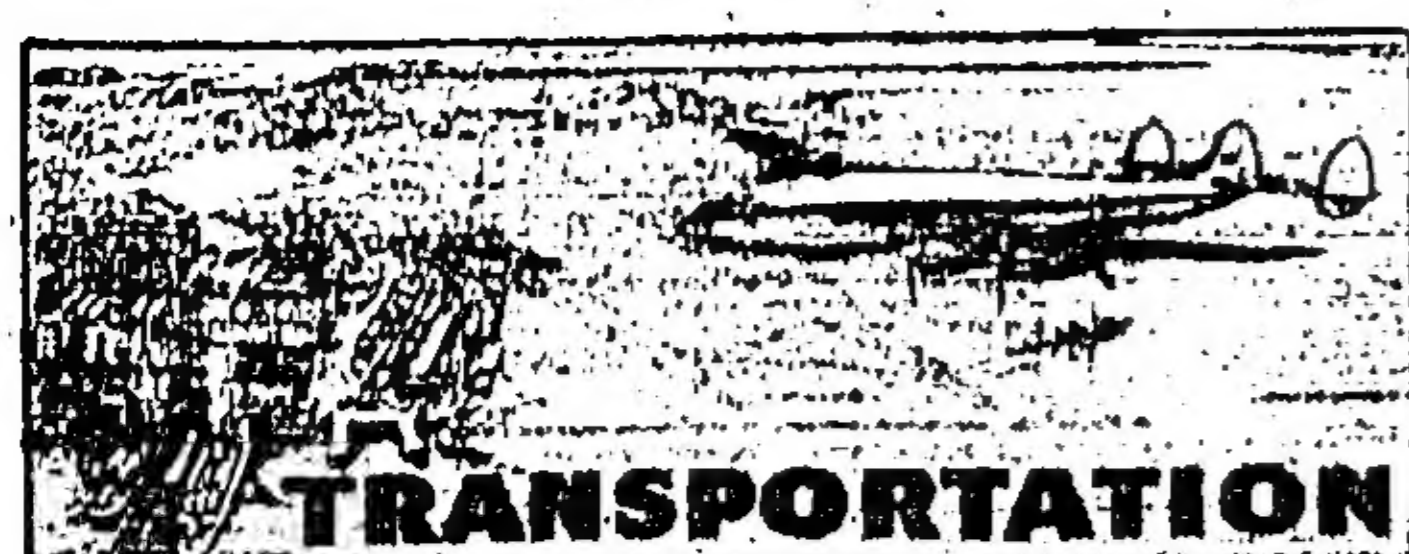
ATMOSPHERE

I read the book at three sittings; usually I take one. That does not mean this book is less exciting or less better told than the average book on the war subject, it means that everything that could be said has been said, when it comes to operation tactics.

One drop seems very much like another; the tense atmosphere of working behind the lines in enemy territory is similar. The differences are in such details as the flora and fauna, and the exquisite practices of the enemy, and such meditation as to whether the scientific torture of the Teutonic Gestapo is outdone by the more primitive but equally successful practices of the Japanese.

However, I should venture to say that "Burma Drop" will have a considerable local following. It is well written, economical of statement, and moves at a good pace.—J.L.

"BURMA DROP," by John Beamish. Published by Elek Books Ltd., 14, Great James Street, London, W.C. 1.



Hongkong Takes Another Step Into Jet Age

"... All checked. Stand by to start engine!"

THE serious-looking young Chinese engineer completed the check-off list and took a last look around at the array of flashing lights and dials in the control room. Satisfied, he firmly pressed a button. There was a loud whine which faded. A pause as several adjustments were made, then he pressed the button again. The mounted Rolls Royce Dart turbo-jet engine in the cell below roared into life.

Thus, before a small selected group of newsmen, guests and personnel connected with the project, Hongkong yesterday advanced another big step into the jet age.

It was the official opening of the Hongkong Aircraft Engineering Company's \$1.5 million test-bed, which will enable the Colony to test and service international airlines' turbo-jet and piston-engine aircraft, put up by Hongkong technicians and designed by Britain's foremost aeronautical engineering firms, is the finest of its type in the



The Chinese Engineer in charge of the equipment, Mr. King Howe.

East and can compare with similar installations anywhere in the world.

It is unique since the test-bed can be adapted to service turbo-jet engines as well as the piston models. Another wing will be added to the building in the near future to take pure jet engines.

A FEAT
"I think," commented Air Commodore T. C. Dickson, HAEC manager, at the "domestic" christening yesterday, "that this engineering feat stands as one of the finest compliments to our technicians here in Hongkong. The Colony is as up to date in the aeronautical field as any other place in the world."

The HAEC project was initiated by the overhauling necessity of Hongkong Airways' Vickers Viscount aircraft, which are fitted with the Rolls Royce Dart engine. But the test cell was built with an eye to the future when other airlines are expected to bring out turbo-jet and pure jet aircraft.

The test cell has a capability of testing engines of powers up to 10,000 horse power. A novel feature of the "bed" is that, by a system of torque reaction, it is able to accurately measure the developed horse power as a check on performance.



Air Commodore T. C. Dickson, HAEC manager, pointing out salient features of the Company's unique \$1.5 million aircraft engine test-bed which was officially opened yesterday. In the background can be seen one of

the "walls" which allow air (necessary for the running of turbo-jet and pure jet engines) to flow freely, but effectively soundproofs the roar when an engine is being tested.—Staff Photographer.

The New York Stock Market

New York, May 7.

Stock market gains of the past five sessions were shaded by realising today, dropping prices below the highs for the year set earlier this week.

The dip, a not unexpected move, came after early firmness on volume which had forced reporting tickers to run late briefly. There was little pressure to the selling. Final prices generally were above the day's lows and activity lightened on the downside with the day's turnover running well below yesterday's 3,110,000 shares.

Steel shares, oils, aircrafts, rails, utilities showed mostly fractionally losses with a few drops of a point or so.

There were upside features, too, with US Borax a late highlight on a rise of more than a point on volume.

This Elevator set a new high on a favourable earnings forecast. Of a total 1,103 issues traded, 511 were lower, 427 higher.

New York Stock Exchange volume was 2,770,000 shares. American Stock Exchange volume was 1,640,000 shares. Dow-Jones closing averages were:

Closing Prices

Alcoa Inc. Apy.	29 1/2
Alcoa Chem. Apy.	29 1/2
Alcoa Ind. Apy.	29 1/2
Alcoa Steel Apy.	29 1/2
Alcoa Tube Apy.	29 1/2
Alcoa Wire Apy.	29 1/2
Alcoa Zinc Apy.	29 1/2
Alcoa Lead Apy.	29 1/2
Alcoa Copper Apy.	29 1/2
Alcoa Nickel Apy.	29 1/2
Alcoa Manganese Apy.	29 1/2
Alcoa Iron Apy.	29 1/2
Alcoa Coal Apy.	29 1/2
Alcoa Oil Apy.	29 1/2
Alcoa Gas Apy.	29 1/2
Alcoa Electric Apy.	29 1/2
Alcoa Chemical Apy.	29 1/2
Alcoa Paper Apy.	29 1/2
Alcoa Textile Apy.	29 1/2
Alcoa Rubber Apy.	29 1/2
Alcoa Glass Apy.	29 1/2
Alcoa Cement Apy.	29 1/2
Alcoa Brick Apy.	29 1/2
Alcoa Lumber Apy.	29 1/2
Alcoa Furniture Apy.	29 1/2
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Alcoa Games Apy.	29 1/2
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HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

Our Own Correspondent

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to approximately \$284,000. New quotations and the morning's transactions were:

Share	Buyers	Sellers	Rate
HONGKONG BANK	775	780	10 @ 77 1/2
East Asia	258		10 @ 77 1/2
Union Bank	725		10 @ 77 1/2
Wing Lok	603	615	10 @ 77 1/2

DOCKS, ETC.

Share	Buyers	Sellers	Rate
Public Dock	102	112	10 @ 102 1/2
Wharf	40	41	10 @ 102 1/2

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ASIAN WARES AT NY TRADE FAIR

New York, May 7.

Ten nations of the Far East participating in the 1958 United States World Trade Fair, which opened today were one of the main centres of attractions, as several thousand officials and guests trooped into New York's vast Coliseum to view the products of 60 nations of the world displayed for buyers and the general public.

India, with its colourful display of art and handicraft, and the tasteful decor of its pavilion attracted throngs, and the Japanese national pavilion, together with the various booths representative of Japan's private industry, had perhaps the largest single exhibition.

JAPANESE

The Japanese exhibits featured textiles, lacquerware, porcelain, chinaware and decorative vases, lamps and other home accessories. A focal point of interest was the exhibit of Japanese cameras, sewing machines, bicycles, high equipment and other products of Japanese specialised industry.

The famed Japanese cultured pearls made another attractive and popular display, and other centre of interest was the booth exhibiting transistors and transistor radios, which have recently received vast publicity in the United States.

INDIAN

In the Indian pavilion were beautiful handbags and exquisite saris as well as engraved brassware, lacquered wares and silver-plated jewellery. The beautiful craftsmanship of the sandalwood and walnut products came in for special attention.

The Philippines arts and crafts made another attractive display and of course Manila hemp and rattan products were prominently in evidence.

The Vietnamese hand-loomed silks and cotton textiles as well as delicate art objects were displayed in ultra-modern decor built and designed by Russell Wright.

Thailand and Iran contributed a splash of colour with hand-woven fabrics, hand-painted accessories and naturally the world-famed Persian rugs.

KOREAN

Korean art objects and brassware provided an eye-catching exhibit and much interest was shown in photograph records made in Korea, featuring national music.

The Indonesian exhibit displays a complete line of agricultural products.

NEW YORK SUGAR MARKET

New York, May 7.

World No. 4 sugar futures today closed unchanged to one point higher with sales of 99 contracts.

Domestic No. 6 sugar closed unchanged with sales of 128 contracts.

Both markets ruled quiet and mixed with most traders marking time awaiting raw market developments or other new incentives.

Contract No. 4 (world)

July 3.42

Sept. 3.38

Nov. 3.34

Mar. 3.30

May 3.26

Spot (cents per lb. job basis) 3.42

Open interest: 6,381 contracts

United Press.

Contract No. 6 (domestic)

July 3.78

Sept. 3.74

Nov. 3.70

Mar. 3.66

May 3.62

Spot (cents per lb. job basis) 3.78

Open interest: 2,104 contracts

United Press.

London Foreign Exchange

London, May 7.

Closing rates were:

New York 2.91-1/2-2.91-3/4

Montreal 2.91-1/2-2.91-3/4

Amsterdam 1.92-1/2-1.92-3/4

Brussels 1.92-1/2-1.92-3/4

Geneva 1.92-1/2-1.92-3/4

Paris 1.92-1/2-1.92-3/4

Stockholm 1.92-1/2-1.92-3/4

Vienna 1.92-1/2-1.92-3/4

Others unchanged.—United Press.

New York Foreign Exchange

New York, May 7.

Closing rates were:

Canada 1.02-1/2-1.02-3/4

England official 2.80-1/2-2.80-3/4

England 30-days 2.80-1/2-2.80-3/4

Holland 1.92-1/2-1.92-3/4

Argentina 1.92-1/2-1.92-3/4

Brazil 1.92-1/2-1.92-3/4

Others unchanged.—United Press.

THE PRICE OF GOLD

New York, May 7.

The New York Journal of Commerce said today it could see little reason for the US Government to increase the price of gold "and little likelihood that it will."

The financial daily acknowledged that there was talk in international business circles that the price of gold would go up. "The talk, probably reflects wishful thinking more than anything else," it added.

Rumours have been encouraged, it said, by a "large and rather sudden outflow of gold from this country, occasioned in large measure by the moves of foreign central banks to increase their gold holdings." It said that 800 million in gold

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MISSILE BASES REPORTED IN ALBANIA

Also In Other Red Satellites

Washington, May 7.
Diplomatic informants reported now information indicating that Russia may be building missile-launching sites in Albania.

POCKET CARTOON
by OSBERT LANCASTER



GOMULKA TO VISIT HUNGARY

By HENDERSON GALL
Budapest, May 7.
The Polish Communist Party leader Mr Wladyslaw Gomulka is due to arrive here on Friday at the head of a party and government delegation for weekend talks with Hungarian leaders, well-informed sources said today.

The delegation will arrive here after a short visit to Bulgaria and will leave on Monday for a visit to Rumania before returning home.

So far the Hungarian press has not commented on the visit, Mr Gomulka's first since the 1955 Hungarian rising.

Observers here expect that the Polish leader will receive a warm welcome as friendship between the two countries is traditional. Further more the Hungarian rising followed hard on the heels of Polish unrest which brought Gomulka to power and in turn influenced events in Hungary.

New Altar For St Paul's

London, May 7.
The new high altar of St Paul's Cathedral—a memorial to the Commonwealth and Empire dead of both world wars—was consecrated today in the presence of the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh.

Officers and cadets from 17 Commonwealth countries lined the Cathedral steps as the Queen and the Duke arrived to a fanfare of trumpets.

The new marble altar replaces one wrecked by a German bomb in 1940.—Reuter.

Secret Trials

The Hague, May 7.
The International Commission of Justice here announced tonight that a number of Hungarian lawyers were now being tried behind closed doors in Budapest.

The Commission Secretary-General, Norman March, has called the Hungarian Premier, Ferenc Munnich, for permission to attend these secret trials as an observer.—United Press.

DISEASED ORPHANS IN US

Creswell, Ore., May 7.
Mrs Harry Holt confirmed today that diseased Korean orphans are brought into the US for adoption, as charged by a Fort Worth health official. But she said the programme had full Congressional and Government sanction and complete medical safeguards.

Dr W. B. Bradshaw charged in Texas that the orphans were brought into the United States without medical checks. He said the adopted child of Mr and Mrs Otis Hamilton of Fort Worth had died and that it had "some abnormality."

Mrs Holt said that in order to obtain a passport to this country the children were subjected to a rigid physical examination in Korea and then underwent further medical examinations by American doctors before they were granted a visa to the U.S.

PHILANTHROPY

The Holts, in a widely recognised act of private philanthropy, have brought nearly 600 Korean mixed-blood orphans to the U.S.

Last year Mr Holt was honoured by the National Conference of Christians and Jews for his work in rescuing the Korean orphans.

An act of Congress permitting tubercular orphans to enter the U.S. was signed by President Eisenhower on September 1, 1957. It admits such children on condition that adopting parents pay for the full cost of treatment in sanatoria or hospitals approved by the Government.

They must be isolated during the plane trip to the US and use separate debarking ramps at ports of arrival.

TREATED

Most of the tubercular children brought to the US by Mr Holt are being treated at National Jewish Hospital in Denver. The Hamilton child was certified free of tuberculosis at the time of its arrival and Mrs Holt quoted a letter from Mrs Hamilton dated April 17 saying that the child had been ill but then appeared to be well. The Hamilton child arrived in Portland on March 27.—United Press.

Spinster Found Not Guilty

St Peter Port, May 7.
A spinster aged 63 was today found not guilty of murdering her 88-year-old mother by reason of her insanity at the time.

Miss Isabella Murdoch had been charged with murdering Mrs Florence Murdoch at her home in March.

She will be detained indefinitely.

It was laid down by an Act of Parliament in 1899 that a jury must return a verdict of "guilty but insane", but Guinness addressed to the common law which existed before the Act and authorised a verdict of "not guilty by reason of insanity".—China Mail Special.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Confused Emotions

To The Editor, China Mail.

Sir,—Your issue of Monday, May 5, carried an article, "Why this picture alarms me" by A. J. P. Taylor. Whatever may be Dr Taylor's attributes as an historian, in the classical sense of the word, the closer he comes to contemporary history, the more his judgment becomes clouded with confused emotions.

Why should a photograph of the Queen receiving the West German Head of State at Windsor alarm Dr Taylor, I wonder? Does he really think that Dr Adenauer should be accorded different treatment from any other Head of State visiting Britain, merely because he happens to be a German?

From first to last, the German Chancellor is represented in this article as a rather benign re-incarnation of Hitler. He is accused of standing aside while Hitler perpetrated crime after crime against the peoples of Europe. May one ask exactly how the Mayor of Cologne, as Dr Adenauer then was, could have acted otherwise in the face of a ruthless Government bent on making a short and violent shift of its political opponents? And the suggestion that the German general is engaged in war to further "Hitler's victories" has been disapproved by practically every accepted authority on the subject. Just as many German generals acquiesced in the policies of their Nazi overlords, in the mistaken belief that only by so doing could the dishonour of Germany's defeat in 1918 be avenged, so did many Frenchmen submit to what Dr Taylor calls "the spiritual poison of Marshal Petain" in the belief that a French leader who remained with albeit shadow powers of Government in a puppet State was preferable to the leadership of a man they knew nothing of who had withdrawn across the Channel with the remnants of a defeated army.

That Dr Adenauer has been able to supply the leadership in West Germany which Dr Taylor admires, Western Europe needs, is just the measure of the extent to which Britain and France, wartime allies of most of the Western European powers, have failed to do so. In economic as well as political matters, the West German Government is alleged to shape and break the policies of the Nato powers at will. "Humbly, gratefully, we do his bidding," says Dr Taylor of British. Dr Taylor admits, Western Europe needs, is just the measure of the extent to which Britain and France, wartime allies of most of the Western European powers, have failed to do so.

Portuguese Army Officer Withdraws Appeal

Lisbon, May 7.
Captain Henrique Galvao, former Portuguese army officer sentenced to 16 years' imprisonment in March for anti-State activities, last night withdrew an appeal to the Supreme Court.

His Counsel said Captain Galvao, sentenced while already serving a three-year sentence passed in 1952, had withdrawn the appeal so as not to harm the interests of two men convicted with him.

After the three-year prison term expired, 63-year-old Galvao was held in preventive detention to be tried for several offences alleged to have been committed while he was in gaol. These resulted in his sentence being increased to 16 years' imprisonment.

SECRET TRIAL

At the secret trial, Dr Filipe Mendes, former Civil Governor of Lisbon, was given a suspended sentence of three years' imprisonment.

In view of the appeal, a judge ordered the arrest of Dr Mendes and set bail for Dr Abel Neves at 100,000 escudos (about £1,250).

Under Portuguese law, these co-defendants would have had to join Galvao in the appeal.

On April 18, Galvao appealed unsuccessfully against the 16-year sentence to a plenary tribunal.

His original three-year sentence was on charges of plotting the overthrow of the Salazar regime. He faced an additional 13 charges this year, including one that he wrote a pamphlet inciting rebellion.—Reuter.

London, May 7.
Lillian Myra Giles, 52, accused of murdering her 10-year-old son with an axe after employing sleeping tablets on his tea, was today declared insane and unfit to plead.

She was ordered to be detained in custody "until the Queen's pleasure be known" (indefinitely).—China Mail Special.

Thefts From Vehicles

A camera valued at \$850 was stolen from a locked private car in Tsan Sha Trail last night. A Chinese man is being detained by the Police.

Earlier in the day the Police arrested a Chinese following the theft of a crate of soft drinks from a lorry parked in Cadogan Street, near Belcher Street.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Never mind the act, Sis! You know very well she's the one who keeps calling me about homework problems!"

STREET SINGER PLEADS NOT GUILTY TO MANSLAUGHTER

A street singer and musician pleaded not guilty at the Criminal Sessions this morning to the manslaughter of another musician, whom he was alleged to have knocked down during a dispute over the rights to perform in a restaurant.

Chan Sing, alias Chan Pak-lok, 30, is being tried before Mr Justice A. D. Scholes and a Jury of one man and six women.

Chan was accused of causing the death of Liu Hoi-ming, alias Liu Ah-look, 55, on January 28, 1956.

Mr D. F. O. Mayne, Crown Counsel, is prosecuting. Chan is not represented by Counsel.

In his opening remarks to the Jury, Mr Mayne said it was not alleged that Chan intended to kill Liu, in which case the charge would have been one of murder.

Bleeding

Dr Lo Wan-shun, who was stationed at Kowloon Hospital on January 27, 1956, testified that he examined Liu that evening.

From the left ear and had a wound on the left side of the mouth. He was in poor condition.

Dr Lo said Liu was given treatment, but his condition became worse and he died the following day.

A post-mortem revealed a fracture at the left base of the skull, witness went on.

The cause of death in his opinion was hemorrhage and fracture of the skull. Dr Wong said the fracture was consistent with the man having fallen and striking his head on the ground.

The wound on the mouth might have been caused by a blow, which must have been a heavy one, he stated.

Kwan Chuen-fai, singer and musician, said in evidence that he knew the deceased and the accused. They carried on their kind of business by visiting various restaurants in Kowloon and entertaining the customers.

Kwan said that shortly after 5 p.m. on January 27, 1956, he went to the Tai Chung Restaurant, Shanghai Street, in connection with a party that was to take place on the upper floor.

Same Line

His wife, who was in the same line of business, arrived shortly after. Liu came after a while, followed a little later by the accused.

Witness said something to Liu, who went over to the Kong Restaurant nearby. Kwan went upstairs. When he came down again, Liu had returned from the other restaurant.

Kwan said Chan told him that the deceased was in company with "a group of other people", and asked him not to let Liu stay in the restaurant. Chan appeared to be annoyed.

Chan went out and stood outside the entrance of the restaurant. The deceased also went out.

Kwan said he heard Liu tell Chan, "I dare you to strike me." Chan struck Liu on the left side of the mouth, and Liu fell to the ground.

FATAL TRAFFIC ACCIDENT

WIDOW CLAIMS AGAINST OWNER AND DRIVER

A fatal traffic accident in King's Road on December 21 1956, in which Mr G. A. Neves of the Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd was killed, was recalled when his widow brought a claim for damages before Mr Justice J. R. Gregg in the Supreme Court this morning.

Mrs Millie Neves, the widow, Chan Ho-kok, a merchant, and the former owner of a commercial lorry, and Lai Nee, the driver of the lorry at the time of the accident, in the employment of the defendant, the Plaintiff claims that the death of her husband who was at the time of the accident driving a delivery van was the result of the negligent driving of Lai Nee, the lorry driver.

Defence Denial

The claim is brought under the Fatal Accidents Ordinance for damages for the widow of the deceased, his daughter and three sons, who were his dependants, and under the Law Reform Miscellaneous Provisions Ordinance for the benefit of the estate of the deceased, damages in respect of a shortened expectation of life.

The defence denies that the second defendant was negligent as alleged, and claims on the other hand that the deceased was negligent.

The loss and damage alleged in the claim and the particulars pursued to the Fatal Accidents Ordinance are not admitted by the defence.

Mr Brook Bernacchi, instructed by Mr P. C. Woo, of Messrs P. C. Woo and Co. is appearing for the plaintiff.

The defendant was represented by Mr Patrick Yu, instructed by Mr R. E. Moore of Messrs Deacons.

Mr Bernacchi said that the claim arose out of the unfortunate death of Mr G. A. Neves on December 21, 1956, as the result of an accident in Causeway Bay.

Mr Bernacchi said that the deceased was killed almost instantly and the claim therefore was concerned only with the provisions of the Fatal Accidents Ordinance and the Law Reform Miscellaneous Provisions Ordinance.

The amount payable under the Fatal Accidents Ordinance was, Counsel said, in the words of a learned Judge a strict question of pounds, shillings and pence—and he supposed that in Hongkong he would say dollars and cents—and represented the estimate in the Court's view of the financial loss to the beneficiaries as the result of the deceased's death.

It was therefore quite different although it might overlap with the further claim under the Law Reform Miscellaneous Provisions Ordinance for the benefit of the deceased's estate, Counsel added.

Submission

Mr Bernacchi submitted that there could be no doubt, on the admission of the defence, that the first defendant must be equally liable with the second defendant to the extent that the second defendant was liable in the case.

Hearing is proceeding.

Woman Assaulted

A Chinese woman was assaulted by two Chinese and robbed of her wrist watch on the staircase of 98 Canton Road at about 9 p.m. yesterday. The woman received slight head injuries.

On the women raising an alarm, the two men ran down the stairs, pursued by passersby. Both men were subsequently arrested by Police constables on patrol at the junction of Canton Road and Austin Road.

Important Witness

The case for the defence appeared to be that the van was behind the lorry, that the van came out, passed the lorry, and having passed it, turned into King's Road, and that it fell over apparently as the result of a collision.

It was alleged by the defence, said Mr Bernacchi, that the van driver was wholly to blame and it was also denied that there was any negligence on the part of the second defendant.

Counsel said that there was an important witness in the case, a man who he claimed was sitting beside the deceased at the time.

This was denied by the defence, Counsel went on, and added that he had been informed that the defence proposed to put in a statement said to have been made by this witness.

Shotguns Seized

A shotgun and four cartridges were seized by the Police during a raid on an unnumbered hut in Cheung Sha Lam Village, South Lantau at about 9 p.m. yesterday. A Chinese man has been detained by the Police.

Later the same evening, the Police recovered another shotgun from an unoccupied hut in Muk Tau Village, also on Lantau Island.

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